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NEWS OF THE WEEK

RECENT HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

There are two cases of smallpox in a family at Vankleek Hill, and a couple of fresh cases are reported in the Brown family at Irish Creek.

It is announced that large locomotive works will be established in Ottawa by Ottawa and Toronto capitalists, who will make an investment of \$300,000.

Gen. Maximo Gomez of Cuba has accepted the offer of \$3,000,000 made by the American government to pay the Cuban army, and will co-operate in distributing the money.

Engineer William Muir and Fireman J. Long were instantly killed in a railway collision on the bridge at Medicine Hat on Thursday. Long's engine went over the side of the bridge down on the ice.

Sir Charles Tupper spent several days of last week in Montreal, engaged in the task of reorganizing the Conservative party. Mr. Henry Dabry, managing editor of The Star, has resigned his position to accept the office of British Conservative Organizer for the province of Quebec.

When the classes in St. Mary's school, Kingston, were dismissed Friday afternoon, Michael Devine and Charles Turcotte raced for the door. The former reached the spot first, and pulling the door after him, caught his companion's arm in the door, completely severing the first two members of the left hand. They dropped to the floor. Young Turcotte is but 13 years old.

Sir William Macdonald has forwarded to the treasurer of McGill University a cheque for \$123,250, to make up the estimated amount necessary to endow the Macdonald building of chemistry and mining. This will make his total benefaction for this building alone \$350,000 and will bring up the gifts of Sir William Macdonald to the University to something like \$2,650,000.

A military team composed of 50 ex-soldiers of the British Army, with five commissioned officers, will visit the United States shortly for the purpose of giving exhibitions similar to those which were given at the time of the World's Fair. Roosevelt's Rough Riders will be invited to take part in the exhibitions. The trip is entirely unofficial, and is worked by a scheme which expects to make money out of it.

A most desperate case of suicide is reported from Cockburn Island. The victim being a farmer named George Schmidt, had been ill for several months, while in a fit of despondency, blew the top of his head off with the discharge from a shot gun. The suicide placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and connected the trigger by a contrivance made of strong cord. When the body was discovered the dead man's face was unrecognizable.

A fatal accident occurred on Tuesday of last week at Mr. George Lovring's in North Orellia. Whilst engaged with David McDonald, breaking his arms and causing his bowels to produce by the heavy fall on his body. His companions at once got a vehicle to take him to his home at Fesserton, but when passing along Coldwater-st. it was noticed that he was dead from the injuries and weakness. He was a hard-working young man, and leaves a young wife and children.

About two years ago James Brown, the young man who died of smallpox in Wolford township, joined the ranks of the A.O.U.W., in company with a friend of his, a son of Joseph Stoddard, of Easton Corners. A special condition of the membership advantages of the society is that the member must be duly vaccinated. Young Brown did not subscribe to this condition, saying, laughingly, to his friend: "I am not going to die of smallpox." He did not get vaccinated, but he did die of smallpox, and consequently his heirs receive no insurance.

Joseph Charles, child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charles, Assyrians of Berlin, Ont., breathed his last, as everyone believed, Friday afternoon, after a brief illness. The remains were prepared for burial and arrangements made for the funeral. The father sat up during the night with the body, and was startled to hear a weak gasp for breath. Looking closely at the child, he noticed signs of returning life, and after his apparent death the child seemed to be as well as ever. The case is, to say the least, a puzzling one.

The largest steamship that ever passed through the Manchester ship canal, according to a report furnished to the Department of Trade and Commerce was the Manchester City, which sailed from St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., on the 4th, and reached Manchester on the 14th. Her cargo, consisting of 400 head of cattle, 37,000 bushels of oats, 43,000 bushels of wheat, 67,000 bushels of corn, 3,408 bushels of hay, 6,470 bundles of wood pulp, 1,250 sacks of oatmeal, 1,084 cases of 92c. 65c. tapers of lamp, 4,000 bags of starch, 615 tierces of lard, 4,000 boxes of butter, and 1,500 boxes of cheese, was all from Canada with the exception of the corn.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Osborne Howes, of Boston, addressed the chamber on the commercial relations with Canada. He said that as a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, he wished to interest New Yorkers in the work of securing the freest possible trade relations with the Dominion of Canada. He wanted Canada placed as nearly as international conditions would permit on the same trade basis as that occupied by one of the states in the Union. He cited the large amount of commerce which existed between the two countries, and drew the conclusion that Canada was a better market than the tropics.

A Washington dispatch says: Major-General Merritt is to succeed Major-General Miles, as Major General commanding the army. The President will lay the matter before the members of his cabinet. Not all of the President's advisers are entirely satisfied with the contemplated degradation of the ranking Major-General from the command of the army. They think the offence calls for something more. They have urged that relief from commanding be followed by court-martial. The President, however, has expressed himself unwilling to appear harsh. He has chosen the penalty of relief from command as being the least that he can do. It is not to be Miles' repeated acts of insubordination and acts prejudicial to good and military discipline.

The principal demand in the United States just now is for heavy animals. The report of the Secretary of State from the state that of the horses exported from the United States to Great Britain and Germany, 95 per cent. are drafters, and of those sent to Belgium the great bulk are drafters of 1,600 pounds. For the home use of the United States a saddle stallion horse for \$975 and fanch coach horses at \$430 to \$550.

Shortly after two o'clock Thursday morning fire broke out in Jas. Vair & Co's. dry goods store at Barrie, and before it was extinguished had spread to adjacent stores, causing a total loss of about \$40,000. The building was a mass of flames

before the fire was discovered, and the firemen did not get control until after a two hours' fight. Mr. McNeil and her family of one son and two daughters, who lived nearly over Vair & Co's. store, had a very narrow escape. John Powell, fire-laxton, is also a complete wreck. He is filled with smoke and the youngest girl had to be carried out, the others escaping down the back stairway with only such clothes as they could snatch at the moment. There was a tremendous explosion of gas in the store, the concussion driving a door knob through A. Simpson's plate glass window across the street. At struck with a piece of glass and badly cut about the face. The great heat broke Tyrer's plate glass window across the street. Vair & Co. lost everything, and the building they occupied, owned by Geo. Stephens and James Vair also suffered total losses. W. A. Pae, dry goods; J. F. Jackson, photographer, and E. H. Williams, jeweller, saved much of their goods by removal.

Early Thursday morning Judge Dartnell passed away at his residence in Whitby aged 65 years. For the past year and a half the judge has been very feeble physically as the result of a paralytic stroke, and his death, while not expected, was less of a shock than if he had been in robust health. George Henry Frewen Dartnell, senior judge of the county of Ontario, was born in the county of Limerick, Ireland on the 13th of February, 1834. He was a son of Edward Taylor Dartnell, formerly a leading solicitor of that city, and more recently County Attorney and Clerk of the Peace for Prescot and Russell. The family came to Toronto while the judge was still a boy. Judge Dartnell studied law with Chief Justice Hagarty and his partner, the late Lieutenant-Governor Crawford, and also with the late Hon. J. H. Cameron, and the late Lieut-Governor Hon. J. B. Robinson and the latter's brother, Christopher Robinson, Q.C. He was called to the bar in 1858, and commenced practice that year, opening an office here. For a time he was partner of Mr. H. Cameron, Q.C., and H. J. McDonald, late Clerk of the Peace for the county of Ontario. In 1859 he was appointed Master-in-Chancery. His appointment as Junior Judge took place in 1873. He acted as Judge of the county of York for nearly a year during the illness of the late Judge Duggan. In 1878, on the death of Judge Barham, he became Senior Judge of the county. Judge Dartnell married first Louisa, daughter of A. P. Hawke; second in 1873, Caroline, daughter of the late G. C. Cross, Whitchurch. In 1875 he was a Conservative and a member of the Church of England. He leaves a widow and four children two sons and two daughters.

ELLON Special to the Watchman and Warder. ROAD WORK IN WINTER.—Mr. Editor, kindly give space in your valuable paper for the following: In reading over the minutes of our Eidon council of 1899 I find in same a motion, made by one of the old councillors and seconded by our new member, for our treasurer to pay a hand-me-down to two parties for shovelling snow. A number are waiting anxiously for the next blizzard to block our roads for all hands to turn out and get their orders in time for next council meeting, as they think their time is better spent shovelling the beautiful than in idling, as quite a few are in winter. We all have to perform estate labour in summer free gratis, when time is very precious to the farmers. Hoping in the future that these councillors will have better judgment, I am of the opinion if it was their own private money these gifts were voting they would be more careful that they were in this case. RATEPAYER.

ROYAL OAK Special to the Watchman and Warder. SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the report of the Royal Oak school for the month of January. Names are inserted in order of merit:—5th class—Lena Burthwich, John McLean, Neil Ferguson, Emma Thorn, Allan McDonald, Willie Stevens. Entrance class—Claude Rundle, Mary J. McLean, Almer Crossen, Luella Turner. Sr. 4th class—Charles McPhaden, Olive Crossen, Murray Black, Janey Murray, Mabel Turner, Milton Pinkham, Mac McDonald, Ila Tremere, John McDonald, Willie Tremere. Jr. 4th—Bessie McPhaden, Marion Crossen, Katie McKinnon, Sarah Rundle, Florence McDonald, Maggie Swinson, Mabel McDonald, 3rd class—Eva Turner, Eva Rundle. Annie McDonald, Herbert West. 2nd class—Ada May Innes. Pt. 2nd class—May West, Donnie McDonald, Harold West, Pearl Crossen, Willie Murray, Laura Tremere. Average attendance 31. MR. E. PINKHAM, teacher.

FLEETWOOD Special to the Watchman and Warder. NOTES.—Owing to the last snow the villagers are getting a supply of wood on hand. The farmers are busy drawing out their grain and telegraph poles, a very large number of which passes through our village every day. The young people of this vicinity are pleased to see the smiling face of Mr. Ben Stacey once more in their midst. Court Fleetwood No. 558, C.O.F., purpose holding a private oyster supper on the 10th inst. at the home of Mr. O. R. Stacey. Court Fleetwood is moving forward. Their basket social which was held on the 20th of January was a success; although some of the performers got rattled at the last of the program. Miss Dorah Robinson of Lindsay is the guest of Miss Mary Brown. Dorah enjoys rustic life when the sleighing is good. Mr. Richard Kells, who has been poorly for some time, is improving slowly. There are several of our boys who have been gripped so tightly that they are unable to leave their homes for the last few days. They are hoping the disease will soon slacken its hold on them. Our choir officiated at Yelverton on Sunday evening the 29th and Monday evening 30th at their basket social.

FINGERBOARD Special to the Watchman and Warder. HERE AND THERE.—Weather is extremely cold and sleighing is good. Miss Ada Snelgrove of Zion was the guest of Miss Edith Friss on Sunday last. O! how lonesome. "Sweet Brier" is now left in the cold as "Evening Star" goes east to Lindsay to shine among the smaller stars. Our village is looking up. Mail is now being delivered at each door. A little more recreation for the post master in his older days. Bad colds are now

This Is No Ordinary Fur Sale!

Our purchase at almost 50 per cent. off regular prices, from the well-known firm of J. W. T. FAIRWEATHER & CO. of Peterboro, who are going out of business in that town, consists of FINE HOME MANUFACTURED FURS. The goods are made from good skins, well furred, well dressed and had 'em made up by people who know how to make every flash of the needle count, who can put finish into every article of Fur. Linings also are good; Styles most correct. Equal excellence was never before bought so low, OUR OBJECT—to turn everything over in as short time as possible.

A Few Quotations:

- Astrachan Jackets, 30 inch long, as low as \$12.50, better quality at \$15.00 and \$20.00.
-Ladies' Fur Muffs, a large lot, Opposum, Electric Seal, Grey Lamb, for choice \$2.00 each.
-Ladies' Fur Capes, a few short ones as low as \$3.50, were worth \$10, long styles \$5, \$7.50, \$10, and \$12.
-8 Ladies' Fur Lined Cloaks, a little off style, just the thing for an evening wrap, were sold for \$12, \$15 and \$18 each, now choice for \$5.
-FUR CAPS start as low as \$1 each. A big lot have been laid out for \$2 each.
-Greenland Seal Gauntlets \$2 each.
-Electric Seal Gauntlets \$3.25 each.

You will find all through our stock Bargains like the above. Come in and see for yourself. The greatness of an opportunity depends on the use you make of it. Here it is thrown at you.....

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Read Our February Price List.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price 1, Price 2. Includes Canadian Tweed Suits, Imported Tweed Suits, Clay Worsted Suits, Dress Worsted Suits, Cheviot Suits, Pants, ranging from \$10 to \$16.

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During stocktaking all Remnants and Odd Lots are laid out and Marked Down at Prices to Sell

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Odd Lines of: BOOTS, HATS, NECKTIES, GLOVES, CORSETS, LACES, RIBBONS, ETC.

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Odd Dishes, Cups and Saucers, 60 cents a dozen. Plates, Bowls, Vegetable Dishes, Glass Pitchers, Tumblers, Butter Dishes, etc., clearing at about HALF PRICE. Stock written down 1st February, and to clear out all above lines prices are marked down to suit.

Bargains During the Month of January HOGG BROS., OAKWOOD, ONT.